

Family and Social Services Administration Division of Family and Children

Child Abuse and Neglect SFY 2002 Annual Report

Overview

There were 69 **abuse** and **neglect** fatalities substantiated in SFY 2002. The 69 deaths include 8 fatalities that occurred prior to but were substantiated in SFY 2002 as well as 61 fatalities that actually occurred in SFY 2002. In previous year's reports, the number of deaths included those from the current year and ones from prior years that were now substantiated. The numbers for SFY 2002 were reported separately.

Of the 69 fatalities, 33 (48%) were due to **abuse** and 36 (52%) were due to **neglect**.

Overall, the primary cause of all the **abuse** and **neglect** deaths was attributed to sleeping in an inappropriate place accounting for 19 (28%) of the total 69 fatalities substantiated in SFY 2002. Drowning was the second leading cause of death 10 (15%) followed by asphyxiation 9 (13%) and physical abuse/beating 9 (13%) for a combined total of 28 (41%) of the 69 fatalities substantiated for SFY 2002. The remaining deaths were caused by fire 7 (10%), shaken baby syndrome 6 (9%), vehicular 3 (4%), gun-related and unknown 2 (2%), poisoning (1) and exposure (1).

There were **33 abuse** fatalities.

- The primary cause of **abuse** deaths were attributed to physical abuse/beating accounting for 9 (27%) of the 33 **abuse** deaths.
- Asphyxiation and shaken baby syndrome were the second leading causes of **abuse** deaths. Each one accounting for 6 (18%) for a total of 12 (36%) of the 33 **abuse** deaths.
- Drowning, sleeping in an inappropriate place and fire each account for 3 (9%) for a total of 9 (27%) of the 33 **abuse** fatalities.
- The remaining 3 **abuse** deaths were attributed to poisoning (1), gun-related (1), and unknown (1).

There were **36 neglect** fatalities.

- The primary cause of **neglect** deaths were attributed to sleeping in an inappropriate place accounting for 16 (44%) of the 36 **neglect** deaths.
- The second leading cause of **neglect** deaths was drowning accounting for 7 (19%) of the 36 **neglect** deaths. Drowning deaths occurred in tubs, bodies of water, pools and a toilet.
- The third leading cause of **neglect** deaths was fire accounting for 4 (11%) of the 36 **neglect** deaths. Primarily, these involved accidental house fires. However, 2 house fires were set by other siblings in the home who were experiencing mental and behavioral problems.

The majority of **abuse and neglect perpetrators** for SFY 2002 were white.

- For **abuse**, white perpetrators comprised 24 of 44 (55%), blacks 15 of 44 (34%) and Hispanics 2 of 44 (5%), 3 of 44 (7%) were unknown.
- For **neglect**, white perpetrators comprised 25 of 44 (56%), blacks 19 of 44 (43%).

The majority of **abuse and neglect victims** for SFY 2002 were white.

- For **abuse**, white victims comprised 20 of 33 (61%), black 12 of 33 (36%) and Hispanic 1 of 33 (3%).
- For **neglect**, white victims comprised 19 of 36 (53%) and black 17 of 36 (47%).

Characteristics of Victims

- There were 69 fatalities from both **abuse** and **neglect** substantiated in SFY 2002. The 69 includes 8 fatalities that occurred prior to but substantiated in SFY 2002 as well as 60 fatalities that actually occurred in SFY 2002.
- Of the 69 fatalities, 33 were due to **abuse** (48%) and 36 were due to **neglect** (52%).
- As was true in past years, fatalities from both **abuse** and **neglect** occurred most often in young children. (**Abuse**: 49% under one year, 48% five years and under; **Neglect**: 72% under one year, 25% five years and under).
- As noted in previous years more boys died due to **abuse** and **neglect** than did girls (58% of **abuse** and 56% of **neglect** fatalities).
- As was true in past years, fatalities from both **abuse** and **neglect** occurred most often with white children (**abuse** 61% and **neglect** 53%) followed by black children (**abuse** 37% and **neglect** 47%) and Hispanic children (3% **abuse** and 0% **neglect**).
- For **abuse** fatalities, the most common causes of death by occurrence were physical abuse/beatings (27%); shaken baby syndrome and asphyxiation (18% each); drowning, fire and sleeping in inappropriate place (9% each).
- For **neglect** fatalities, the most common causes of death by occurrence were sleeping in an inappropriate place (44%); drowning (19%); fire (11%); asphyxiation and vehicular (8% each); gun related (6% each).
- 23 (33%) of the total 69 child fatalities occurred in families with at least one prior child protective services substantiated investigation.
- As in previous years, fatalities from both **abuse** and **neglect** with alcohol/drug involvement have remained constant between 9-11%. Of the 2 **abuse** and 4 **neglect** fatalities (for a total of 6 of the 69) 2 **neglect** fatalities were the result of vehicular accidents involving alcohol.
- Overall, 47 (68%) of all the 69 fatalities occurred most often in households where there were other siblings in the family. 22 (67%) of 33 **abuse** households and 25 (70%) of 36 **neglect** households.
- 5 (7%) of the total 69 child fatality victims reported in SFY 2002 were also victims of sexual abuse and/or child molestation as documented by autopsy and/or medical reports.

Characteristics of Perpetrators

- There were 41 identified, as well as 3 unknown **abuse** perpetrators, and 44 identified **neglect** perpetrators for SFY 2002. More than one perpetrator may be identified for each fatality.
- As was true in past years, the majority of perpetrators were natural parents. 28 of 44 (64%) of **abuse** perpetrators and 38 of 44 (86%) of **neglect** perpetrators.
- This is the first year that the majority of **abuse** perpetrators have been female, 26 of 44 (59%). In past years, the majority of **abuse** perpetrators have been male. As in previous years, the majority of **neglect** perpetrators were female. This remains true for this year with female **neglect** perpetrators comprising the majority of 31 of 44 (70%).
- In previous years, the majority of **abuse** and **neglect** perpetrators were white. This remains true for SFY 2002 with white perpetrators comprising 24 of 44 (55%) of **abuse** and 25 of 44 (57%) of **neglect** perpetrators. Black perpetrators comprised 15 of 44 (34%) of **abuse** and 19 of 44 (43%) of **neglect** perpetrators, followed by Hispanic perpetrators 2 of 44 (5% of **abuse** and no **neglect**). There were 3 of 43 (7%) unknown **abuse** perpetrators.
- As was true in previous years, the prevalent age category of the perpetrators in both **abuse** and **neglect** remained in the range of 20-34 years of age. SFY 2002 fatality data continued to reflect that the majority of perpetrators fell into this age category (58% **abuse** and 52% **neglect**), followed by the next most frequent category of less than 19 years of age.
- SFY 2002 recorded the first child fatalities of substantiated **abuse** involving teen mothers delivering their babies and subsequently causing their deaths (3 or 4% of the total and/or 3 or 9% of the **abuse** fatalities occurring in SFY 2002).

Characteristics of Parents

- There were 33 **abuse** and 36 **neglect** households identified for SFY 2002.
- As true in previous years, the majority of **abuse** and **neglect** occurred in two-parent households for SFY 2002.
 - In **abuse** cases, 14 of 33 (42%) of households were two-parent, while 7 (21) % were single parent and 6 (18%) were extended and multi-family households and 1(3%) unknown.
 - In **neglect** cases, 19 of 36 (53%) of households were two-parent, while 9 (25%) were single parent and 8 (23%) were extended and multi-family households.
- The most common stress factors in **abuse** cases were:
 - (1) Lack of parenting skills;
 - (2) Pregnancy/new child;
 - (3) Family discord/marital problems;
 - (4) Heavy child care responsibilities; and
 - (5) Mental health problems

And

Authoritarian method/discipline
- The most common stress factors in **neglect** cases were:
 - (1) Lack of parenting skills;
 - (2) Pregnancy/new child;
 - (3) Heavy child care responsibilities;
 - (4) Insufficient income; and
 - (5) Physical or mental problems

And

Family discord/marital problems.

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DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTIC OF THE CHILD
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Total Number of Child Fatalities

Abuse Fatalities		
Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
4	29	33

Total Fatalities		
Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
8	61	69

County Of Occurrence

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years			Death Occurring During SFY 02			Total		
MARION	3		ALLEN	1		ALLEN	1	
ST JOSEPH	1		DEKALB	1		DEKALB	1	
Total	4		DELAWARE	1		DELAWARE	1	
			HARRISON	2		HARRISON	2	
			HOWARD	2		HOWARD	2	
			JAY	1		JAY	1	
			LAKE	3		LAKE	3	
			MARION	11		MARION	14	
			MONROE	1		MONROE	1	
			OWEN	1		OWEN	1	
			PORTER	1		PORTER	1	
			VANDEBURGH	1		ST JOSEPH	1	
			VIGO	2		VANDEBURGH	1	
			WAYNE	1		VIGO	2	
			Total	29		WAYNE	1	
						Total	33	

Age of Children

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years			Deaths Occurring During SFY 02			Total		
Under 01	1	25.0%	Under 01	15	51.7%	Under 01	16	48.5%
01	1	25.0%	01	4	13.8%	01	5	15.2%
02	2	50.0%	02	3	10.3%	02	5	15.2%
03	0	0.0%	03	1	3.4%	03	1	3.0%
04	0	0.0%	04	5	17.2%	04	5	15.2%
05	0	0.0%	05	0	0.0%	05	0	0.0%
06	0	0.0%	06	0	0.0%	06	0	0.0%
07	0	0.0%	07	0	0.0%	07	0	0.0%
08	0	0.0%	08	0	0.0%	08	0	0.0%
09	0	0.0%	09	1	3.4%	09	1	3.0%
10-12	0	0.0%	10-12	0	0.0%	10-12	0	0.0%
13-17	0	0.0%	13-17	0	0.0%	13-17	0	0.0%
Unreported	0	0.0%	Unreported	0	0.0%	Unreported	0	0.0%

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Type Of Physical Abuse
May list more than one item for each fatality

	Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
Death	4	26	30
Brusies/ Cuts/ Welts	1	6	7
Bone Fractures	0	2	2
Skull Fracture	2	6	8
Internal Injury	0	4	4
Wounds/ Punctures/ Bites	0	1	1
Burns/ Scalds	2	1	3
Poisoning	0	1	1
Asphyxiation/ Suffocation	0	9	9
Shaking/ Dislocation/ Sprains	1	2	3
Drowning	0	4	4
Inappropriate Discipline	0	2	2
Gunshot Wounds	0	0	0
Shaken Baby Syndrome	0	2	2
Alcohol Abuse	0	0	0
Drug Abuse	0	0	0

Sex of Children

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Female	2 50.0%	Female	12 41.4%	Female	14 42.4%
Male	2 50.0%	Male	17 58.6%	Male	19 57.6%

Race Of Children

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years			Deaths Occurring During SFY 02			Total		
Black	2	50.0%	Black	10	34.5%	Black	12	36.4%
White	2	50.0%	Hispanic	1	3.4%	Hispanic	1	3.0%
			White	18	62.1%	White	20	60.6%

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Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Law Enforcement	1	Hospital/ Clinic	9	Other	1
Coronor	3	Law Enforcement	13	Hospital/ Clinic	9
		Other	1	Other Medical	1
		Other Medical	1	Law Enforcement	14
		Other MH Personnel	1	Public Social Agency	3
		Private Social Agenc	1	Private Social Agenc	1
		Public Social Agency	3	Coronor	3
				Other MH Personnel	1

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Type of Household

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Single Parent	2	Extended Family	4	Unknown	2
Two Parent	2	Multi-Family	2	Single Parent	9
		Single Parent	7	Two Parent	16
		Two Parent	14	Extended Family	4
		Unknown	2	Multi-Family	2

Marital Status of Parents

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Single	2	Single	10	Single	12
Married	1	Married	10	Married	11
Living Together	1	Divorced	2	Divorced	2
		Separated	1	Separated	1
		Widowed	1	Widowed	1
		Living Together	5	Living Together	6

Other Siblings In the Family

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Yes	2	Yes	20	Yes	22
No	2	No	9	No	11

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Father's Income

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Unknown	3	Unknown	19	Unknown	22
Labor/Unskilled	1	Unemployed	2	Unemployed	2
		Labor/Skilled	2	Labor/Skilled	2
		Labor/Unskilled	3	Labor/Unskilled	4
		Service Work	1	Service Work	1
		Management/Administration	1	Management/Administration	1
		Other	1	Other	1

Father's Education

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Unknown	4	Partial Elementary	1	Partial Elementary	1
		High School Graduate	2	High School Graduate	2
		College Graduate	1	College Graduate	1
		Partial College	1	Partial College	1
		Technical/Vocational	1	Technical/Vocational	1
		2 Year Associate Degree	1	2 Year Associate Degree	1
		Unknown	21	Unknown	25
		Partial High School	1	Partial High School	1

Mother's Income

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Unknown	3	Unknown	11	Unknown	14
Labor/Skilled	1	Unemployed	6	Unemployed	6
		Labor/Skilled	1	Labor/Skilled	2
		Labor/Unskilled	4	Labor/Unskilled	4
		Agriculture	1	Agriculture	1
		Service Work	3	Service Work	3
		Clerical/Office	2	Clerical/Office	2
		TANF	1	TANF	1

Mother's Education

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Unknown	4	High School Graduate	8	High School Graduate	8
		GED	1	GED	1
		College Graduate	1	College Graduate	1
		Technical/Vocational	1	Technical/Vocational	1
		Unknown	12	Unknown	16
		Partial High School	6	Partial High School	6

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Relationship of Perpetrator To Child
May list more than one perpetrator for each fatality

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring In SFY 02		Total	
Mother	1	Mother	21	Mother	22
Father	2	Father	4	Father	6
Unknown	2	Step Father	2	Step Father	2
		Mother's Boyfriend	6	Mother's Boyfriend	6
		Other Relative	3	Other Relative	3
		Child Care Worker	1	Child Care Worker	1
		Sibling	1	Sibling	1
		Unknown	1	Unknown	3

Age of Perpetrator
May list more than one perpetrator for each fatality

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Under 16	2	Under 16	2	Under 16	4
20 - 24	1	16 - 19	5	16 - 19	5
40 - 49	1	20 - 24	12	20 - 24	13
Unknown	1	25 - 29	6	25 - 29	6
		30 - 34	6	30 - 34	6
		35 - 39	2	35 - 39	2
		40 - 49	3	40 - 49	4
		50 +	1	50 +	1
		Unknown	2	Unknown	3

Race of Perpetrator
May list more than one perpetrator for each fatality

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
White	3	White	21	White	24
Unknown	2	Black	15	Black	15
		Hispanic	2	Hispanic	2
		Unknown	1	Unknown	3

Sex of Perpetrator
May list more than one perpetrator for each fatality

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Female	1	Female	25	Female	26
Male	2	Male	13	Male	15
Unknown	2	Unknown	1	Unknown	3

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Victim's Stress Factors

All statistics are listed by child. May list more than one item for each child.

	Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
None	1	14	15
Chronic Illness	0	0	0
Physically Handicapped	0	1	1
Mental Retardation	0	1	1
Emotional Disturbance	0	0	0
Behavior Problems	0	0	0
Premature Birth	0	5	5
Multiple Birth	2	1	3
Involved Juvenile Court	0	0	0
School Related Problem	0	0	0
Battered Child Syndrome	1	4	5
Drug Addiction/Substance Abuse	0	2	2
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	0	0	0
Failure to Thrive	0	3	3
Attn. Deficit Disorder/Attn. Deficit Hyp. Disorder	0	1	1

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Father's Stress Factors

All statistics are listed by child, may count one parent twice if two children died. May list more than one item for each parent. Stress factors may be reported for a primary caretaker if the biological parent is not living in the home.

	Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
Unknown	2	13	15
Emotionally Disturbed	0	3	3
Learning Disabled	0	1	1
Other addictive condition	0	0	0
Caring for Special Needs Child	0	1	1
None	0	1	1
Alcoholism	0	2	2
Drug Dependency	0	0	0
Physical Health Problems	0	0	0
Mental Health Problems	0	1	1
Family Discord/Marital Problems	0	5	5
Pregnancy/new child	1	4	5
Heavy Child Care Responsibility	0	0	0
Parental Mental Retardation	0	0	0
Authoritarian Method/Discip.	1	3	4
Lack Parenting Skills	1	6	7
Spouse Abuse/Family Violence	0	0	0
Poor Money Management	0	1	1
Insufficient Income	0	1	1
Inadequate Housing	0	2	2
Recent Relocation	0	0	0
Social Isolation	0	0	0
Language Problem	0	1	1
Unstable Living Conditions	0	0	0
Job Related Problems	0	1	1
Abused/Neglected as Children	0	1	1
Domestic Violence	0	3	3
Visual/hearing Problems	0	0	0
Physically Disabled	0	0	0

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MOTHER STRESS FACTORS
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Mother's Stress Factors

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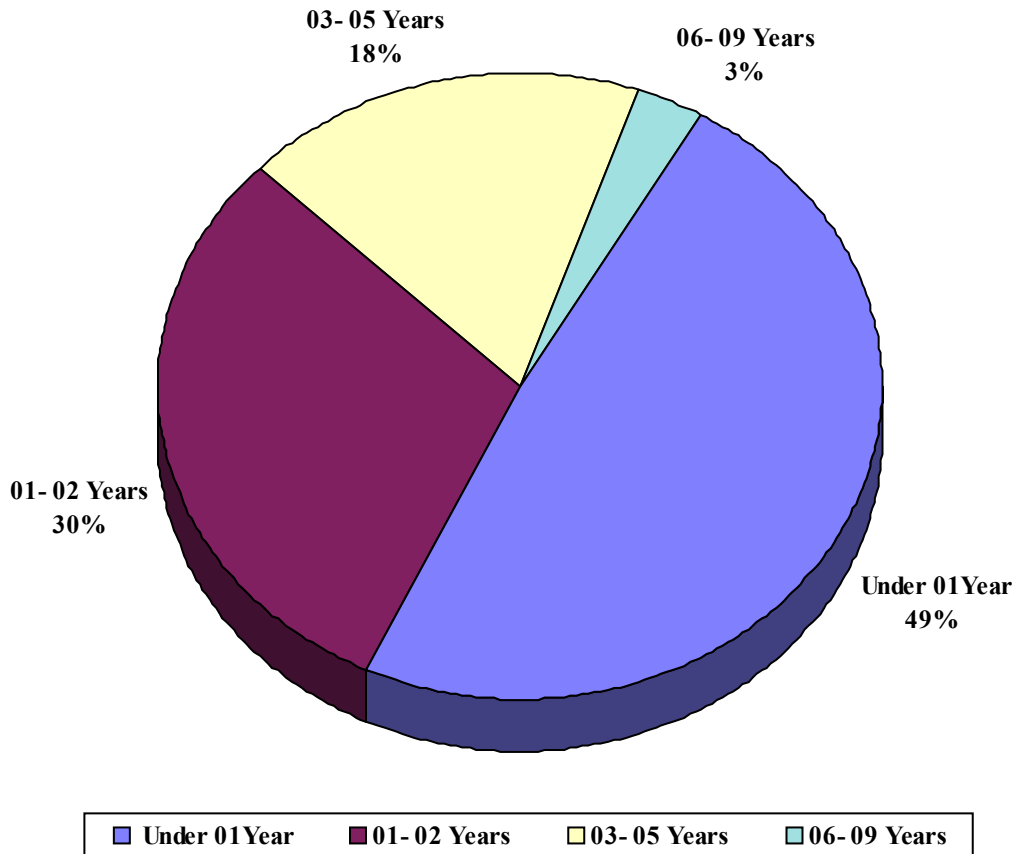
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Unknown	0	0	0
Emotionally Disturbed	0	1	1
Learning Disabled	0	0	0
Other addictive condition	0	0	0
Caring for Special Needs Child	0	2	2
None	0	1	1
Alcoholism	0	1	1
Drug Dependency	0	3	3
Physical Health Problems	0	0	0
Mental Health Problems	0	7	7
Family Discord/Marital Problems	0	6	6
Pregnancy/new child	3	15	18
Heavy Child Care Responsibility	2	7	9
Parental Mental Retardation	0	0	0
Authoritarian Method/Discip.	1	3	4
Lack Parenting Skills	1	17	18
Spouse Abuse/Family Violence	0	0	0
Poor Money Management	0	1	1
Insufficient Income	0	2	2
Inadequate Housing	0	3	3
Recent Relocation	0	3	3
Social Isolation	0	2	2
Language Problem	0	2	2
Unstable Living Conditions	0	4	4
Job Related Problems	0	0	0
Abused/Neglected as Children	0	5	5
Domestic Violence	0	3	3
Visual/hearing Problems	0	0	0
Physically Disabled	0	0	0

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BY AGE OF CHILD**

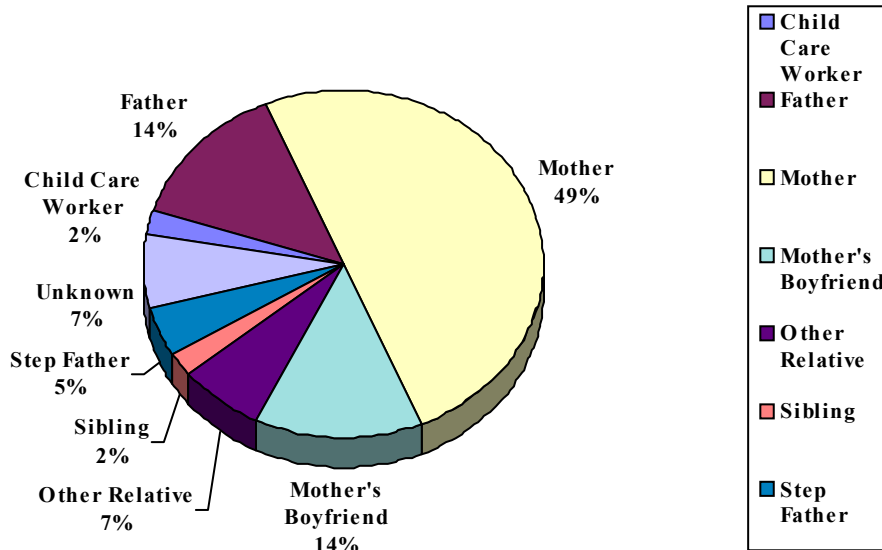


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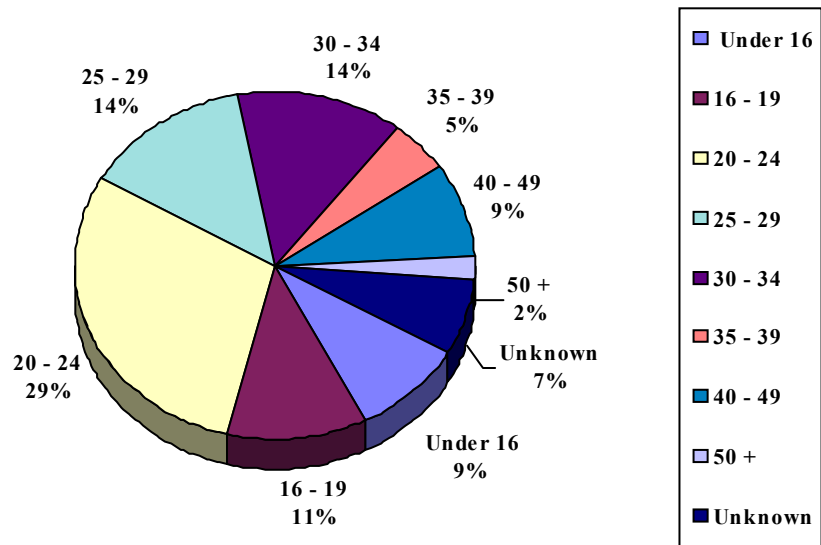
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**ABUSE FATALITIES SUBSTANTIATED OR OCCURING DURING SFY 2002
BY PERPETRATOR***



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**ABUSE FATALITIES SUBSTANTIATED OR OCCURING DURING SFY 2002
BY AGE OF PERPETRATOR***



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CHILD NEGLECT FATALITIES
DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTIC OF THE CHILD
FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2002

Total Number of Child Fatalities

Neglect Fatalities

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
4	32	36

Total Fatalities

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
8	61	69

County Of Occurrence

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
LAKE	1	CRAWFORD	1	CRAWFORD	1
MARION	3	ELKHART	2	ELKHART	2
Total	4	JOHNSON	2	JOHNSON	2
		KNOX	2	KNOX	2
		KOSCIUSKO	2	KOSCIUSKO	2
		LAKE	4	LAKE	5
		MARION	15	MARION	18
		MONTGOMERY	1	MONTGOMERY	1
		VANDERBURGH	2	VANDERBURGH	2
		VIGO	1	VIGO	1
		Total	32	Total	36

Age of Children

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years			Deaths Occurring During SFY 02			Total		
Under 01	3	75.0%	Under 01	23	71.9%	Under 01	26	72.2%
01	0	0.0%	01	1	3.1%	01	1	2.8%
02	0	0.0%	02	2	6.3%	02	2	5.6%
03	0	0.0%	03	3	9.4%	03	3	8.3%
04	0	0.0%	04	1	3.1%	04	1	2.8%
05	1	25.0%	05	1	3.1%	05	2	5.6%
06	0	0.0%	06	0	0.0%	06	0	0.0%
07	0	0.0%	07	0	0.0%	07	0	0.0%
08	0	0.0%	08	0	0.0%	08	0	0.0%
09	0	0.0%	09	1	3.1%	09	1	2.8%
10-12	0	0.0%	10-12	0	0.0%	10-12	0	0.0%
13-17	0	0.0%	13-17	0	0.0%	13-17	0	0.0%
Unreported	0	0.0%	Unreported	0	0.0%	Unreported	0	0.0%

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Type Of Neglect
May list more than one item for each fatality

	Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
Death	2	32	34
Lack of Supervision	2	15	17
Failure to Thrive	0	0	0
Malnutrition	0	0	0
Medical Neglect	0	1	1
Educational Neglect	0	0	0
Abandonment	0	0	0
Close Confinement	0	0	0
Lockin/out	0	0	0
Lack Food,Shelter,Clothing	0	0	0
Environment Life/Health Danger	4	22	26
Poor Hygiene	0	0	0
Drug Abuse	0	0	0
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	0	0	0

Sex of Children

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
Female 1 25.0%	Female 15 46.9%	Female 16 44.4%
Male 3 75.0%	Male 17 53.1%	Male 20 55.6%

Race Of Children

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
Black 4 100.0%	Black 13 40.6%	Black 17 47.2%
	White 19 59.4%	White 19 52.8%

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Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
Parent/Guardian 1	Hospital/ Clinic 5	Parent/Guardian 1
Other Medical 1	Law Enforcement 14	Hospital/ Clinic 5
Coronor 2	Public Social Agency 5	Other Medical 1
	Private Social Agenc 2	Law Enforcement 14
	Coronor 6	Public Social Agency 5
		Private Social Agenc 2
		Coronor 8

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Type of Household

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Single Parent	3	Single Parent	6	Single Parent	9
Two Parent	1	Two Parent	18	Two Parent	19
		Extended Family	6	Extended Family	6
		Multi-Family	2	Multi-Family	2

Marital Status of Parents

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Single	4	Single	14	Single	18
		Married	12	Married	12
		Living Together	6	Living Together	6

Other Siblings In the Family

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Yes	4	Yes	21	Yes	25
		No	11	No	11

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Father's Income

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02
Unknown 4	Unknown 19	Unknown 23
	Unemployed 2	Unemployed 2
	Labor/Skilled 5	Labor/Skilled 5
	Labor/Unskilled 3	Labor/Unskilled 3
	Management/Administration 1	Management/Administration 1
	Social Security/Pension 1	Social Security/Pension 1
	Other 1	Other 1

Father's Education

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Total
Unknown 4	Elementary 1	Elementary 1
	High School Graduate 3	High School Graduate 3
	Unknown 24	Unknown 28
	Partial High School 4	Partial High School 4

Mother's Income

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Death Occurring During SFy 02	Total
Unknown 1	Unknown 10	Unknown 11
Labor/Skilled 1	Unemployed 1	Unemployed 1
Labor/Unskilled 2	Labor/Skilled 3	Labor/Skilled 4
	Labor/Unskilled 6	Labor/Unskilled 8
	Service Work 1	Service Work 1
	Management/Administration 3	Management/Administration 3
	TANF 7	TANF 7
	Other Public Assistance 1	Other Public Assistance 1

Mother's Education

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
Unknown 4	High School Graduate 5	High School Graduate 5
	GED 1	GED 1
	Technical/Vocational 1	Technical/Vocational 1
	Unknown 21	Unknown 25
	Partial High School 4	Partial High School 4

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Relationship of Perpetrator To Child

If known, may list more or less than one perpetrator for each fatality

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
Mother 4	Mother 23	Mother 27
	Father 11	Father 11
	Step Mother 1	Step Mother 1
	Other Relative 2	Other Relative 2
	Child Care Worker 1	Child Care Worker 1
	Sibling 1	Sibling 1
	Baby Sitter 1	Baby Sitter 1

Age of Perpetrator

If known, may list more than one perpetrator for each fatality

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
16 - 19 1	Under 16 2	Under 16 2
25 - 29 1	16 - 19 5	16 - 19 6
30 - 34 1	20 - 24 8	20 - 24 8
35 - 39 1	25 - 29 8	25 - 29 9
	30 - 34 6	30 - 34 7
	35 - 39 6	35 - 39 7
	40 - 49 3	40 - 49 3
	50 + 1	50 + 1
	Unknown 2	Unknown 2

Race of Perpetrator

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Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
Black 4	White 25	White 25
	Black 15	Black 19

Sex of Perpetrator

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Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
Female 4	Female 27	Female 31
Male 0	Male 13	Male 13

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Victim's Stress Factors

All statistics are listed by child. May list more than one item for each individual.

	Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
None	3	27	30
Chronic Illness	0	2	2
Physically Handicapped	0	0	0
Mental Retardation	0	0	0
Emotional Disturbance	0	0	0
Behavior Problems	0	1	1
Premature Birth	1	1	2
Multiple Birth	0	0	0
Involved Juvenile Court	0	0	0
School Related Problem	0	0	0
Battered Child Syndrome	0	0	0
Drug Addiction/Substance Abuse	1	0	1
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	0	0	0
Failure to Thrive	0	1	1
Attn. Deficit Disorder/Attn. Deficit Hyp. Disorder	0	0	0

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Father's Stress Factors

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	Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
Unknown	3	12	15
Emotionally Disturbed	0	0	0
Learning Disabled	0	0	0
Other addictive condition	0	0	0
Caring for Special Needs Child	0	0	0
None	0	3	3
Alcoholism	0	1	1
Drug Dependency	0	3	3
Physical Health Problems	0	3	3
Mental Health Problems	0	0	0
Family Discord/Marital Problems	0	4	4
Pregnancy/new child	1	6	7
Heavy Child Care Responsibility	0	4	4
Parental Mental Retardation	0	0	0
Authoritarian Method/Discip.	0	0	0
Lack Parenting Skills	0	8	8
Spouse Abuse/Family Violence	0	0	0
Poor Money Management	0	1	1
Insufficient Income	0	5	5
Inadequate Housing	0	0	0
Recent Relocation	0	1	1
Social Isolation	0	0	0
Language Problem	0	0	0
Unstable Living Conditions	0	2	2
Job Related Problems	0	1	1
Abused/Neglected as Children	0	2	2
Domestic Violence	0	2	2
Visual/hearing Problems	0	0	0
Physically Disabled	0	2	2

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Mother's Stress Factors

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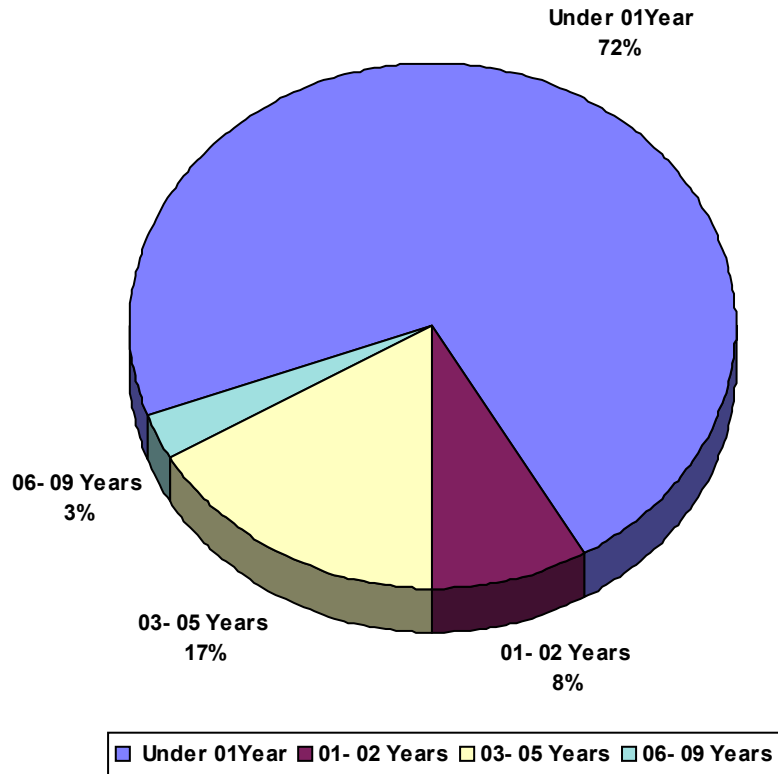
	Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years	Deaths Occurring During SFY 02	Total
Unknown	0	2	2
Emotionally Disturbed	0	0	0
Learning Disabled	0	0	0
Other addictive condition	0	0	0
Caring for Special Needs Child	0	0	0
None	0	2	2
Alcoholism	0	0	0
Drug Dependency	1	2	3
Physical Health Problems	0	1	1
Mental Health Problems	0	3	3
Family Discord/Marital Problems	0	3	3
Pregnancy/new child	3	18	21
Heavy Child Care Responsibility	2	14	16
Parental Mental Retardation	0	0	0
Authoritarian Method/Discip.	0	0	0
Lack Parenting Skills	2	20	22
Spouse Abuse/Family Violence	0	0	0
Poor Money Management	0	0	0
Insufficient Income	1	7	8
Inadequate Housing	0	3	3
Recent Relocation	0	1	1
Social Isolation	0	0	0
Language Problem	0	0	0
Unstable Living Conditions	0	3	3
Job Related Problems	0	0	0
Abused/Neglected as Children	0	1	1
Domestic Violence	0	3	3
Visual/hearing Problems	0	0	0
Physically Disabled	0	0	0

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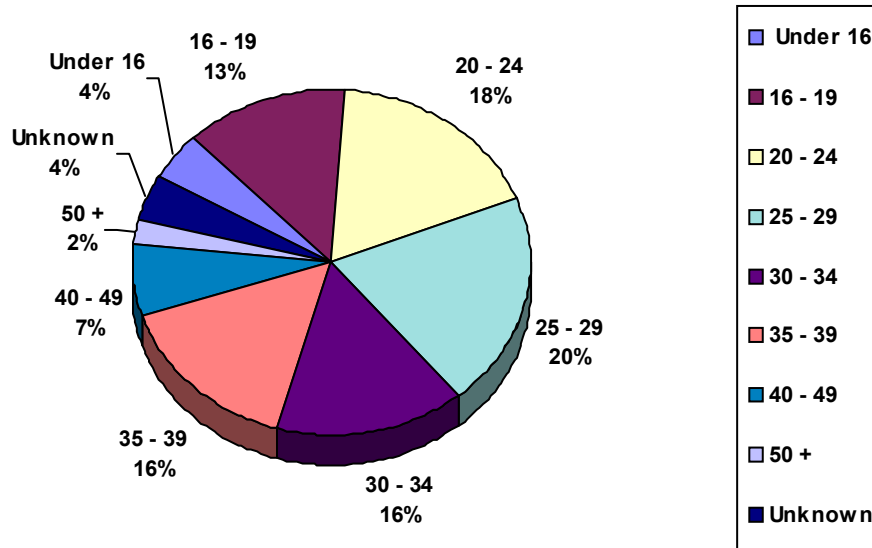
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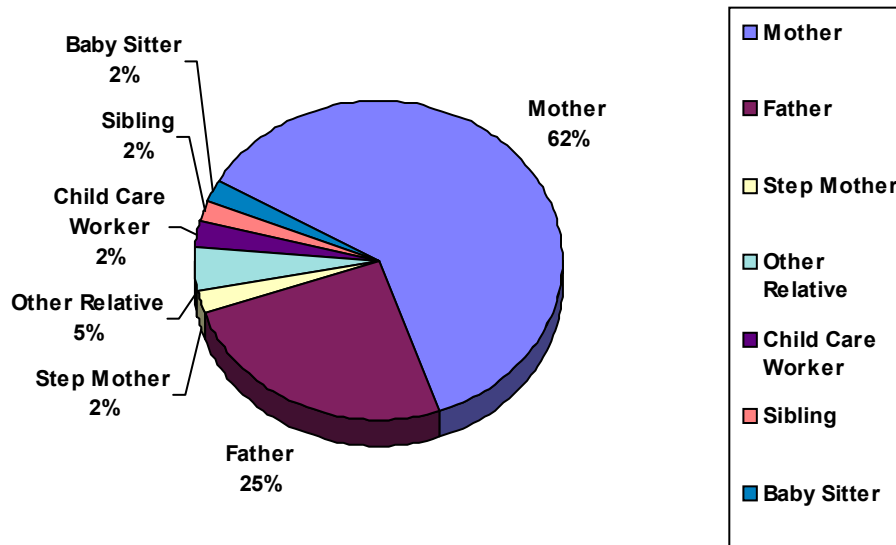
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Primary Risk Factors Involved

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Behavioral	5	Not Reported	2	Not Reported	2
Environmental	2	Behavioral	26	Behavioral	31
Medical	1	Environmental	17	Environmental	19
		Drug/Alcohol	6	Drug/Alcohol	6
		Product	4	Product	4
		Social	2	Social	2
		Medical	4	Medical	5

Risk Factors Identified In Community Prior To Death

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Yes	3	Yes	33	Yes	36
No	5	No	28	No	33

Risk Factors Identified In Family Prior To Death

Substantiates SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Yes	1	Yes	24	Yes	25
No	7	No	37	No	44

Drug/ Alcohol Involvement

If known, may list more than one risk factor for each case

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
None		Abuse Fatalities	2	Abuse Fatalities	2
		Neglect Fatalities	4	Neglect Fatalities	4

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Prevention Activities Proposed Since Death

If known, may list more than one prevention activity for each fatality

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Educational Activities in Media	1	Not Reported	1	Not Reported	1
Other Programs/Activities	1	Community Safety Project	1	Community Safety Project	1
No Change	6	Product Safety Action	1	Product Safety Action	1
		Educational Activities in Media	16	Educational Activities in Media	17
		New Services	6	New Services	6
		Changes in Agency Practice	2	Changes in Agency Practice	2
		Other Programs/Activities	4	Other Programs/Activities	5
		No Change	30	No Change	36

Lead Organization for Prevention Activities

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Health Department	3	Not Reported	2	Not Reported	2
Social Services	1	Health Department	18	Health Department	21
Police, etc.	1	Social Services	21	Social Services	22
Local Comm Group	2	Police, etc.	4	Police, etc.	5
DFC	1	Schools	3	Schools	3
		Mental Health	5	Mental Health	5
		Local Comm Group	4	Local Comm Group	6
		DFC	4	DFC	5

Prevention Activities Occured Since Death

If known, may list more than one prevention activity for each fatality

Substantiated SFY 02 With Death Occurring In Prior Years		Deaths Occurring During SFY 02		Total	
Educational Activities in Media	2	Not Reported	1	Not Reported	1
No Change	6	Product Safety Action	2	Product Safety Action	2
		Educational Activities in Media	15	Educational Activities in Media	17
		New Services	5	New Services	5
		Changes in Agency Practice	2	Changes in Agency Practice	2
		Other Programs/Activities	4	Other Programs/Activities	4
		No Change	32	No Change	38

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	ABUSE Substantiated or Death Occurring During SFY 02	NEGLECT Substantiated or Death Occurring During SFY 02	TOTAL Substantiated or Death Occurring During SFY 02
Total Child Fatalities	33	36	69
Coroner Cases	33	35	68
% of Total	100.0%	97.2%	98.6%
Autopsies Performed	32	34	66
% of Total	97.0%	94.4%	95.7%
Scene was investigated by Coroner	15	23	38
% of Total	45.5%	63.9%	55.1%
Scene was investigated by Law Enforcement	31	34	65
% of Total	93.9%	94.4%	94.2%
Scene was investigated by Fire Investigator	3	6	9
% of Total	9.1%	16.7%	13.0%
Emergency Medical Services was on scene	17	21	38
% of Total	51.5%	58.3%	55.1%
Scene was investigated by Other	3	6	9
% of Total	9.1%	16.7%	13.0%
Prior Substantiated CPS Investigations	13	10	23
% of Total	39.4%	27.8%	33.3%
1 Prior	7	4	11
2 Prior	2	1	3
3 Prior	1	1	2
4 Prior	0	0	0
5 Prior	0	0	0
6 Prior or more	2	1	3
Unknown	1	3	4

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	Abuse <i>Substantiated or Death Occurring During SFY 02</i>	Neglect <i>Substantiated or Death Occurring During SFY 02</i>	Total <i>Substantiated or Death Occurring During SFY 02</i>
Total Child Fatalities	33	36	69
Asphyxiation	6	3	9
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>18.2%</i>	<i>8.3%</i>	<i>13.0%</i>
Drowning	3	7	10
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>9.1%</i>	<i>19.4%</i>	<i>14.5%</i>
Drug-Related	0	0	0
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
Exposure	0	1	1
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>
Fire	3	4	7
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>9.1%</i>	<i>11.1%</i>	<i>10.1%</i>
Gun-Related	0	2	2
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>2.9%</i>
Accidental	0	1	1
Homicide	0	0	0
Murder- Suicide	0	0	0
Murder-Attempted Suicide	0	0	0
Suicide	0	0	0
Undetermined	0	1	1
Health Endangering/ Lack of Supervision	0	0	0
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
Medical Neglect	0	0	0
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>
Physical Abuse/ Beating	9	0	9
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>27.3%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>13.0%</i>
Poisoning	1	0	1
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>3.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>
Shaken Baby Syndrome	6	0	6
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>18.2%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>8.7%</i>
Sleeping in Inappropriate Place	3	16	19
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>9.1%</i>	<i>44.4%</i>	<i>27.5%</i>

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	Abuse <i>Substantiated or Death Occurring During SFY 02</i>	Neglect <i>Substantiated or Death Occurring During SFY 02</i>	Total <i>Substantiated or Death Occurring During SFY 02</i>
Undetermined	1	0	1
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>3.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>
Unknown	1	0	1
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>3.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>
Vehicular	0	3	3
<i>% of deaths from abuse or neglect</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>8.3%</i>	<i>4.3%</i>

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